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N. A. E. Creates Commission For European Post War Relief

PRESIDENT'S Column

[illegible] a lie.

[illegible] Lord [illegible] said, "If any man will do his [illegible] he shall know [illegible]" [illegible] attitude toward God's will [illegible] condition of knowing the [illegible] Weymouth [illegible] this passage [illegible]

[illegible] truth, refused to believe it, had pleasure in unrighteousness" II Thess. 2:[illegible]-12.)

[illegible] it is that logic and apologetics alone cannot avail, and overthrow apostasy. A sound apologetic is of greatest importance in stabilizing the entire structure of Christian faith, encouraging individual Christians, helping the honest [illegible] to a firmer footing, and [illegible] the dishonest [illegible] without excuse. But the [illegible] apologetic is turned aside by [illegible] perverted heart. Argument will [illegible] the intellectual powers in [illegible] skirmishes on the field of battle, but leave safely entrenched the cherished lie of the [illegible] soul.

[illegible] evangelical message is [illegible] than a direct frontal attack upon the outer intellectual [illegible] of apostasy. It is also [illegible] flank-attack which by passes [illegible] intellectually formulated [illegible] of apostasy to search out [illegible] probe the under-cover depths [illegible] perverted desire. This message [illegible] Word of God.

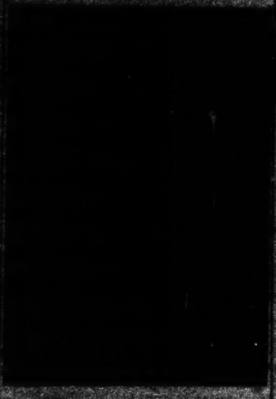
[illegible] the word of God is quick, [illegible] powerful, and sharper than [illegible] two-edged sword, piercing [illegible] to the dividing asunder of [illegible] and spirit, and of the joints [illegible] marrow, and is a discerner of [illegible] thoughts and intents of the [illegible] Heb. 4:12.

[illegible] Pastors [illegible] Birthdays In Concentration Camp

[illegible] (By Wireless) [illegible] Aug. 22 — Two of Nor[illegible] outstanding clergymen [illegible] their birthdays in the concentration camp near [illegible]

[illegible] Ole Christian Halle[illegible] of the Provisional [illegible] Council, observed his [illegible] while Pastor [illegible] leader of the Norwegian [illegible] Mission Society, observed [illegible] The latter, it is reported, [illegible] been given the liberty to

Elect Roanoke Man President Laymen's Evangelistic Assoc.



FRANK A. EADES

TOCCOA, Ga., Aug. 21 — The greatest gathering of Christian business men of the South, which has been held in the history of this organization, concluded with yesterday's sessions.

Frank A. Eades, Roanoke, Virginia, was elected president for the coming year. The [illegible] annual convention of the National Association of Business Men's [illegible] Toccoa, Ga., Aug. 17-20, 1944. The new by-laws and constitution were adopted including the change of name to National Christian Laymen's Evangelistic Association.

The officers elected are as follows: Frank A. Eades, president, Roanoke, Va.; Vernon W. Patterson, first vice-president, Charlotte, N. C.; R. L. Fisher, second vice-president, Martinsville, Va.; M. L. Thrower, third vice-president, Atlanta, Ga.; S. R. Higgins, fourth vice-president, Columbus, O.; W. L. Henrickson, treasurer, Spartanburg, S. C.; Dr. [illegible], executive secretary, Lake Louise, Toccoa, Ga.; C. F. Pelham, field secretary, Greenville, S. C.; Lee J. Carter, recording secretary, Chattanooga, Tenn.

The members of the executive committee are: Frank A. Eades, chairman; Walter F. Anderson, Charlotte, N. C.; H. T. Baylis, Columbia, S. C.; F. V. Crutchfield, Columbus, O.; R. L. Fisher, Martinsville, Va.; A. G. Fleming, Co-

NOTICE

[illegible] Mass. Aug. [illegible] — [illegible] will be held at the [illegible] Hotel in Chicago. Christian [illegible] throughout the country are urged to note this date in their engagement books and prepare to attend.

[illegible], S. C.; E. E. Cobold, Tupelo, Miss.; W. L. Henrickson, Spartanburg, S. C.; S. R. Higgins, Columbus, O.; S. Guy Jackson, Macon, Ga.; Grover C. Lee, Cleveland, Tenn.; R. G. LeTourneau, Vicksburg, Miss.; J. R. [illegible], Lynchburg, Va.; J. T. McCallie, Chattanooga, Tenn.; W. H. Morris, Newport News, Va.; Vernon W. Patterson, Charlotte, N. C.; Judge E. L. Smith, Sylacauga, Ala.; Dr. J. W. Stabler, Mobile, Ala.; R. B. Suggs, Meridian, Miss.; M. L. Thrower, Atlanta, Ga.; Floyd C. Todd, Gastonia, N. C.; W. C. Warrington, Jacksonville, Fla.

The National Association was organized at Atlanta, Ga., in 1931 when a group of Christian men [illegible] for one purpose only, and that "of winning souls to Christ in obedience to His commission and enlisting them in His service," Acts 1:8. At the time the National Association was formed, Frank A. Eades and D. E. Lockett of Roanoke were the representatives from Virginia. The Association has grown and is now very active in eight Southern states and the state of Ohio.

Its members are individuals and in Gospel Groups engage in personal work in homes, offices, factories, along the streets, on highways, in prisons, in government camps, prayer meetings in homes, churches and various places and many of the assistant

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Philip A. Benson of Brooklyn Accepts [illegible] Nationwide Clothing Drive Opens

BOSTON, Aug. 28— At two meetings held recently at the Bankers' Club in New York, the [illegible] of a plan for the immediate establishment of European relief work were discussed and important decisions reached.

Provision was made at the last annual convention of N. A. E. in Columbus, O., for a Commission for Post War Relief in the devastated areas. A conviction that evangelicals should do their part by providing both physical and

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[illegible] help was expressed by the leaders at that time.

The first meeting in New York held on June 21, was attended by the following persons: Mr. Philip A. Benson, president of the Dime Savings Bank in Brooklyn; Mr. John G. Becker, president of Bible Magazine, Inc. (Revelation); Mr. A. Herman Armerding of the N. J. Stoker Corp., [illegible] New York City; Rev. A. C. Snead, [illegible] secretary of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, New York City; Dr. David Young of the Chinese [illegible] Christian Association in North America, New York City; Dr. J. [illegible] Wright, [illegible] of N. A. E.; and [illegible] of the Greek American Missionary Association, Boston.

Several others attended the second meeting held on Aug. [illegible] These included Philip A. Benson, president of N. A. E.; Mr. J. [illegible] secretary of N. A. E.; [illegible] Church in Chicago; [illegible] Taylor, secretary for [illegible] N. A. E.

[illegible] national chairmanship of the Commission. A strong and representative group of [illegible] lists and leaders in church and mission work will make up the membership of the Commission. From the general membership

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Depleted Grain Stocks Diverted To Manufacture Of Alcohol

50,000,000 Gallons of Concentrated Misery Manufactured in August.

BOSTON, MASS., Aug. 24. The diversion of millions of bushels of grain desperately needed for food and the manufacture of commercial alcohol for the production of rubber is one of the most inexcusable scandals of the present year in the opinion of officials of N.A.E.

Ineffectual protest was made by Congressmen Joseph R. Bryson and Edward H. Rees in speeches before the Congress earlier in the summer. Mr. Rees said in part:

"Mr. Speaker, the announcement by the War Production Board and approved by the administration that the Nation's whiskey distilleries are to be released from war production so they can produce alcohol to make between fifty and sixty million gallons of whiskey or gin is the most absurd, unreasonable, and unjustified thing that has come out of a war agency for a long time. . .

"To make it worse, it appears the order has the approval of the War Food Administration. For many months there has been a dire shortage of feed in this country. The shortage has been so acute we have imported grain from Canada free of tariff in order to provide additional supplies of feed for our livestock and poultry. Only a few weeks ago the War Food Administration was directed by the War Department to freeze 75,000,000 bushels of [illegible] as the Government would have it in the manufacture of airplanes. Livestock men and farmers throughout the country are in need of grain to produce poultry and beef and pork. In the face of all this the administration now is to turn about 75,000,000 bushels of grain to be used for the manufacture of alcoholic liquors. They say, of course, they are not going to use supplies of corn, but they are going to use [illegible] bushels of wheat and rye [illegible] not only for food, but also for human consumption. . . .

"Mr. Speaker, the order ought to be rescinded now."

Says Church Will Welcome Hitler's Execution

LONDON (By Wireless) (RNS) Aug. 22 — Execution of Hitler and his closest band "fallen criminals," the Archbishop of Tambov writes in the Russian Orthodox Church's Journal of the Moscow Patriarchate, will be a "great festival for outraged moral feeling of that section of humanity in which lives law of justice and not law of violence."

"The Church of Christ," he added, according to the text of the article made available here, "will not stand apart from this festival."

Clergyman Dies In German Prison Camp

STOCKHOLM (By Wireless) (RNS) Aug. 22 — The Rev. Ingolf Boge, well-known Norwegian clergyman, died in a German prison camp on April 1, it has just been learned here. Arrested at his parsonage in Sjell, near Bergen, in 1942, he was sent to a concentration camp in Espeland, then deported to Germany last February. He was 44 years old.

Presbyterian Missions Board Creates Committee

NEW YORK (RNS) Aug. 14— An administrative committee has been created by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. within its staff of secretaries, with Dr. Charles T. Leber as chairman. The committee's function will be "to better coordinate the ever enlarging responsibilities which multiply from the many areas of service upon the Board and its executive officers."

Army Designs New Communion Set

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) Aug. 2— Recent easing of priorities on certain metals has enabled the Military Planning Division of the Quartermaster Corps to design a new communion set, made of gold-plated brass, the War Department revealed here. Due to the restricted use of metals, sets for Army chaplains have heretofore been made of wood.

The new set consists of three circular trays, each holding 40 communion glasses. The trays fit compactly together on a base when not in use. An artistic wine container, called a pourer, accompanies the trays, and a gold-plated paten to hold the consecrated wafers completes the set.

Specifications have been approved by the Office of the Chief of Chaplains and an initial procurement will be made by the Quartermaster Corps.

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1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative word of God.
2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.
4. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful men regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.
5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in Christ.

New Defence of Christian Faith Charted

Bible believing Christians believe that Christianity is intellectually defensible. The vindication of the Christian faith is called apologetics. It is a required task for this generation of evangelicals to chart a new apologetic for the Christian faith.

We have many able evangelists, pastors and teachers working diligently in their particular fields and co-operating in the larger enterprise of the Kingdom work, but we have not sufficiently recognized the division of labor, especially in presenting this vindication of our faith to the modern mind.

Apologetic defence of the Christian faith is the task of the Christian professor, not the evangelist or pastor. The preaching ministry needs the support and help of intellectual defence but is not such a defence. It is a declaration of the Gospel.

That no planned course of a modern vindication of Christianity exists troubled me at the Columbus Convention of N. A. E. In the presence of a rising tide of evangelical unity and revival, we must not overlook this basic need. Christianity must be shown to be intellectually respectable to the students who will be the leaders of the next generation.

After discussing the matter with a business man, deeply interested in students, we decided to jointly invite some professors to a conference at which we would explore this field. The conference was held at the Mayflower Hotel, Plymouth, Mass., from Aug. 25 to 30. Eighteen professors from eight theological institutions were invited, and 11 were able to come. The conference was not directly connected with N. A. E., nor did it commit those in attendance to N. A. E.

Five topics were explored: Theism, Revelation (with full attention to Barthianism), the Atonement, the Church and Evangelism. The experience was a precious one, and demonstrated the extent of our fundamental Christian unity. While we reasoned, our hearts burned. No findings are able to be published, but a great stimulus has been received for the writing of a new apologetic literature hoped to meet the modern need. Under the principle of division of labor, certain professors will be looking toward the publication of themes in particular fields.

This week's fellowship and discussion are only a beginning, but a most encouraging one. It is intended that a second conference of top men in this field will be held next autumn. Meanwhile we have shouldered a burden and are encouraged by the hope of a serious attempt being made to meet a great need.

H. J. O.

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The survey in this area disclosed the following significant facts: Three hundred religious broadcasts are made in the Los Angeles area every week. [illegible]

"Out of this entire number of broadcasts, only [illegible] adequate consideration to the needs of children. The great majority [illegible] individual or organization [illegible] a recognized spiritual need.

[illegible]

This question is one which is of much concern to Christians everywhere. It is hoped that a plan will be worked out which will correct the situation regarding religious broadcasting, not only in metropolitan Los Angeles, but everywhere.

I am sure that the readers of United Evangelical Action will fully endorse all that is set forth in this searching and timely article.

(From the Christian Advocate, San Francisco.)

Post War Relief

The action of the National Convention in providing for a Commission for Post War Relief has turned out to be one of the most important decisions reached at that great meeting. There is every prospect that a major project of our movement is now taking definite form.

In securing the consent of Mr. Philip A. Benson to serve as its national chairman, the Commission has secured a person eminently qualified to head this important work. Mr. Benson was formerly the president of the American Bankers Association, and has been president of the Dime Savings Bank in Brooklyn for many years. He is a trustee of Moody Bible Institute, and is a devoted follower of the Lord Jesus Christ.

A distinguished group of men and women have been invited to serve on this Commission. Under God, we trust that it will prove to be a blessing to thousands of those in Europe who are in abject poverty and helplessness. This is the time for all to share in alleviating the suffering of those who must face the rigors of winter's cold without home, food or clothing except that which we can provide.

We anticipate that Christians all over the United States will be prompt and generous in their response.

J. E. W.

Dr. Harry Rimmer's Son Writes From Italy

Somewhere in Italy
July 8, 1944.

Dear Dad,

This letter is about the most magnificent testimony that I have ever witnessed. I'm going to try to describe it to you just as I experienced it.

About six months ago I had the privilege (?) of walking into a town with the first American troops to occupy it. The town had been long contested by the Germans but finally, due as much to poor position as to terrific allied shelling they had departed. They left little.

I picked my way carefully down the street stepping so as to avoid holes that shellfire had left. Holes that made the streets impassable to motor traffic of any kind. Here and there I climbed over a heap of rubble that blocked the street from one side to the other, rubble that had once been a house or a building. Buildings that had given the appearance of standing when seen from a distance showed themselves to be only one or two walls or at the most three walls completely gutted, standing edifices robbed of the hope of ever being of any use to man again.

The Germans were shelling the town in a desultory manner and every minute or two an ear torturing snarl and crash would [illegible] the debris. The point of impact of each shell was marked by a geyser of dirt, bricks, wood and chunks of humanity spouting skyward like a finger. A geyser that soon fell back onto the dusty earth from which it had risen.

One wall standing alone in the midst of complete chaos caught my eye. High upon that wall there hung a crucifix untouched by enemy shellfire when everything around it had [illegible]. The figure on the cross looked down on a scene of unholy carnage. Bodies of the dead lay in the various awkward poses that only the dead can assume. These same bodies gave forth to the stench that only those who walk among the dead can know.

One figure was set apart. It was the body of a young German soldier who had been hit in the leg by a piece of shrapnel. The hole in his leg was big and in a bad place. It was so high that a tourniquet couldn't be properly applied. He had tried to apply one by removing his belt and twisting it around what was left of his leg. It had been obvious even to him that this was not going to be successful for he apparently had abandoned his efforts and pulled out a little New Testament to read. He made a picture that I will [illegible] the rest of my life [illegible]

[illegible] picked my way between the bodies of the dead until I was by his side. I wanted to be sure of what he had been reading. When I bent over to look I was able to see that the Testament was open at the eighth chapter of Romans. [illegible] I believe he must have been reading the last two verses of that beloved passage. "For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

All thanks to the Saviour, I too can say "Amen."

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ving Reporter

The August issue of the [illegible] Presbyterian Journal carries a splendid article on the National Association of Evangelicals, written by our [illegible] vice-president, Dr. J. Alvin O[illegible]. Copies may be obtained by writing to the Journal at W[illegible], N. C.

The rumor of several weeks that John Foster Dulles, prominent New York lawyer and chairman of the Federal Council's Commission for a Just and Durable Peace, will be Dewey's choice (if elected) for Secretary of State has become a practical certainty. There will be small comfort in this for evangelicals who are at variance with the Federal Council's leftist policies in [illegible]. Mr. Dulles is the senior member of the great law firm of Sullivan & Cromwell, which has an immense law business. Much of this is with foreign governments. Mr. Dulles has been internationally minded since World War I. He is not deserving of the stigma of being a leftist, however. While we deplore his connection with the Federal Council, we doubt if he will be likely to favor proposals for the surrender of the sovereign rights of our government in the development of a post war international league or council of nations for maintaining peace.

An impressive list of missionaries and prospective missionaries are rallying to the standard of the new Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society. Among the veterans, who were formerly under the A.B.F.M.S., are Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Buker and Rev. and Mrs. Eric Frykenberg. Candidates include Rev. and Mrs. Lloyd Peck, Rev. and Mrs. Paul G. Gannon, Robert Green[illegible], [illegible] Walton, Ruth [illegible], [illegible], Mr. and Mrs. [illegible], Beryl Girard, [illegible] and Capt. and Mrs. L[illegible]. Money for the work is flowing in from all sections of the country. We understand that receipts are already in excess of [illegible].

The Child Evangelism Fellowship program continues to expand in new areas. It is now in its ninth year. Committees have been organized in every state and many foreign lands. A monthly magazine is being published. Next January, a Child Evangelism institute will be opened for the training of workers. Dr. and Mrs. J. Irvin Overholtzer, of San Antonio, are the International Directors.

The Chicagoland Youth for Christ Saturday night program and broadcast is packing Orchestra Hall weekly. Hundreds are being won for Christ. Rev. Torrey M. Johnson is directing the work. Similar youth programs are having phenomenal success in Detroit, St. Louis, Indianapolis and New York. Boston is to have its opening meeting on September 9th. It will be a [illegible] with Mr. Howard W. Fe[illegible]

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NOT MINE, BUT THINE

Not my life, by Thy life
 Let others see in me:
Not my strength, but Thy strength
 Working so mightily.

Not my work, but Thy work
 Be fully wrought through me!
Not my plan, but Thy plan
 Fulfilled continually.

Not my love, but Thy love,
 By the Spirit shed in me:
Not my zeal, but Thy zeal
 Consume me utterly.

Not my joy, but Thy joy
 My blessed strength to be:
Not my peace, but Thy peace
 Abiding constantly.

Not my faith, but Thy faith,
 "The faith of God" in me:
Not my prayer, but Thy prayer
 Energized by Thee.

Not my word, but Thy Word,
 The preaching bidden by Thee:
Not my thought, but Thy thought
 Proclaimed in liberty.

Not my will, but Thy will,
 The prayer of Gethsemane:
Not my cup, but Thy cup
 Accepted, Lord, from Thee.

Not my name, but Thy name
 Ever exalted be;
Then Thy hand, not my hand
 Shall triumph gloriously.

CHARLES G. E. CHILTON

Los Angeles Prepares For City-Wide Campaign

Hyman Appleman To Lead Effort

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Aug. 29 —To a small group of Christian business men of the Los Angeles C.B.M.C. came the challenge to make the metropolitan area in and around Los Angeles Christ-conscious. Many claim the day of large revivals is past, but this group refused to accept that as fact. Accordingly, a corporation was formed known as "Christ for Greater Los Angeles," and for several months past have been actively engaged in making preparations for a great city-wide evangelistic meeting. Hyman Appelman, a converted lawyer who turned preacher and Bible evangelist, has been engaged for three weeks from October 15 to November 5 for this series of services.

A large tent, seating over 5,000, has been secured to be erected on the circus grounds in downtown Los Angeles at Broadway and Washington.

Much has been done toward perfecting the needed organization for this great endeavor. Publicity is going out, finances are being obtained, and various committees are already functioning through the offices which have been established at 208 West Eighth Street, Los Angeles.

A definite attempt is being made to unite all the evangelical forces of this area in this one great movement to reach the unchurched and unsaved masses which number many thousands in the greater Los Angeles territory.

Doctrinal and denominational differences are being set aside for the sole purpose of propagating the glorious Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. One encouraging feature has been the rallying of the faithful in prayer for a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Over 1,000 prayer groups and prayer partners are making this a regular definite matter of intercession. It is realized that only as the marvelous wonder-working power of the Holy Spirit Himself is brought to bear in a definite demonstration of revival and redemption can this daring undertaking come to the glorious culmination that will bring great honor and glory to our Master.

Christians everywhere are asked to pray earnestly—pray daily—pray definitely—that God may bless and use this effort for the salvation of hundreds and thousands of lost men, women and young people. They are also urged to pray that this may be the beginning of a spiritual fire that shall kindle afar. No, the day of revivals is not PAST — it is just beginning ANEW.

Activities Of The N.A.E. In Vermont

TAFTSVILLE, Vt., August 29 —Items of real interest have reached our office from Vermont. A State Association of the N.A.E. has been formed by our friends in that portion of the Country. Much credit for this accomplishment goes to the Rev. Edward T. Barram of Troy, New Hampshire who visited the [illegible] State for the purpose of assisting in the establishment of the work there.

This local Association has been organized and is carrying on with the Rev. Carl Leon Nichols as its Chairman. Mr. Nichols is from Taftsville, Vermont. He was a delegate to the Columbus Convention and brought back a splendid report upon his return. His present plans for the Association include the visiting of every evangelical Church in the State with a view to enlisting their active interest in the great work of the National Association of Evangelicals.

The folks in Vermont are loud in their praise of the Rev. Edward Barram for the part he took in getting the Local Branch started, and we of the Boston Office share in this feeling of gratitude for this fine example of cooperation between the members of our great family. We, too, join in this expression of thanks to Mr. Barram and add our congratulations and best wishes to the loyal friends of the beautiful State of Vermont.

Seven-Day Week Church Proposed To Solve Delinquency

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) Aug. 29 — A seven-day-a-week church was projected as an important solution to the juvenile delinquency problem to a Baptist religious education conference here.

John D. Self, educational director of the Pensacola (Fla.) First Baptist Church, told the conference that he visualized the future church as having a well-supervised seven-day-a-week program, with adequate social, recreational, and religious program for teen-agers.

Church, home, and school "have failed miserably," he said, in handling juvenile delinquency. The solution depends, in great part, he added, on increased discipline in the home, church, and school; the teaching of total abstinence to youth; and a return to Sunday as the Lord's Day.

Appointed Field Secretary In Pacific Area

BOSTON, Aug. 29 (Special) — With the N.A.E. pushing out its borders and enlarging its sphere of influence, our readers will be eager to follow its activities and to be kept informed as to the various instruments in God's hand for the carrying forward of the given program.

REV. WILLIAM NAGEL

The Northwestern Region will be well represented by the Rev. William Nagel whose appointment to this post has called forth expressions of endorsement and gratitude from the many members of the National Association.

Mr. Nagel is well equipped for this great task, for in addition to the training of the schools, he has had the advantages of extensive travel throughout Europe, ministering in the various countries of Europe, and later residing in Palestine where he found many opportunities for service.

The plan is to organize one-day rallies in these Northwestern States, these to be followed later by conferences running from four to eight days.

All our friends of the N.A.E. join in wishing our brother great blessing and abundant fruitage in the service of our common Lord.

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Fall Plans for Evangelistic Campaigns Nears Completion

BOSTON, Aug. 29 (Special)— In our previous issue we gave details concerning the first great Evangelistic Conference to be held under the auspices of the N.A.E. This conference, as we stated, is to be held at the Arch Street Methodist Church in Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 23 to 26. We urge our readers to make this conference the subject of earnest and believing prayer.

Following the conference in Philadelphia, the center of interest will shift to Boston, Mass., where a similar gathering (the second of its nature) will convene from Oct. 22 to [illegible]. Those who attended the first conference will be eager to share in the fellowship of this second gathering which promises to eclipse the former in many respects. The meetings will be divided between the Park Street Congregational Church and Tremont Temple. Dr. Paul Rees, pastor of the Covenant Tabernacle Church of Minneapolis, Minn.; Dr. Bob Munger, conspicuous for his work among young people, and Miss Henrietta Mears, who for [illegible] years has been identified with the Hollywood Presbyterian Church of California, will be the speakers. F. Carlton Booth will be the song leader.

Next in the order of conferences will be that held in Detroit, Mich., running from Nov. 19-26. The secretary of Evangelism, the Rev. Mel Hatcher, is meeting pastors and laymen of that area on Sept. 15 to perfect initial plans.

Buffalo, N. Y., will be the scene of a later conference. The proposed dates are Nov. 26 to Dec. 3. Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., Evangelist and founder of Bob Jones College of Cleveland, Tenn.; Dr. Harry Hager, pastor of Bethany Reformed Church, Chicago, Ill., with other specialists of equal merit, will be present in these great gatherings.

The success of these great conferences must turn upon the faithfulness of God's people in the ministry of prayer. Let each [illegible] ministry of intercession.

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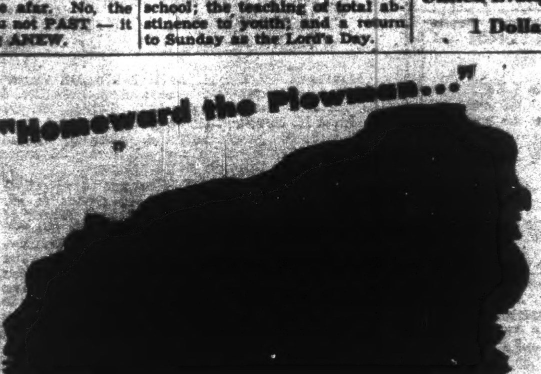

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Evangelistic Association Conducts Successful Summer Conference At Old Orchard, Maine

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Dr. Wesley G. Huber has been for eight or more years the very capable director of the Association, and has been steadily increasing the scope of its work and necessarily its personnel. An added feature was the sponsoring of a Conference at the Camp Grounds at Old Orchard, Maine. August 14 to 17 saw the gathering of a group, largely composed of Christians, for the second year and the blessing of God attended all the sessions.

Evening messages were brought by Arthur Bowler and the Rev. Franklin MacKerron, both evangelists of the Evangelistic Association; the Rev. Mel Hatcher, Secretary for Evangelism of the National Association of Evangelicals and Dr. Clifford Lewis Author, World Traveler and Evangelist. Mornings were devoted to Bible Study led by Dr. Huber and reports from the Victory Gospel Trio. This Trio was composed of John Gribble, Lowley, Richard Hoptin and Fred West, all students of Gordon College of Theology and Missions, who spent the summer witnessing for Christ and preaching the Gospel in churches throughout New England. They were sent out jointly by the Park Street Congregational Church, Boston, and the Evangelistic Association.

The evening programs were high-lighted by special musical numbers rendered by the Rev. and Mrs. Franklin MacKerron and Mrs. Arthur Bowler,—both vocal and instrumental.

Dr. Huber is planning to extend the Conference next August to a week. It is his hope that the large corps of workers who are in the field throughout the year can be brought to Old Orchard for a week of spiritual refreshment. It would give them an opportunity to give a report of God's working to those who would not otherwise hear them.

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a small executive committee will be chosen to assume much of the responsibility for the development of the work. The membership of the Commission and its director will be announced following the meeting of the Board of Administration in Chicago in [illegible]ember.

Tentative plans have been made for establishing offices and a warehouse in New York where supplies will be received, sorted and baled for shipment abroad.

Dr. Wright and Mr. Taylor visited Washington on Sept. 16 to confer with the President's War Relief Control Board, UNRRA, and several embassies to determine the best method of procedure. The plans of N. A. E. for relief work were warmly commended. Every agency pledged cooperation, and expressed delight that the evangelicals are moving to render assistance.

Announcement will be made at an early date regarding the address to which clothing may be shipped. Meanwhile every committee of N. A. E., every constituent organization, church and individual is urged to gather all available materials which will be useful to the needy of Europe's stricken populations and prepare them for early shipment. No time should be lost as the need is desperate and the time before cold weather is short.

It is the desire of the Commission that volunteer chapters be organized in thousands of communities throughout America. Cash as well as clothing is needed. No gift of money or materials is too large or too small to be gratefully received. For the immediate future, remittances of money should be sent to the national office in Boston. All other gifts should be held pending the opening of warehouse facilities.

15% Of Norway's Clergy Arrested Or Exiled

STOCKHOLM (By Wireless) (RNS) Aug. 9—Fifteen percent of Norway's Lutheran clergymen have been arrested or banished since the German occupation, according to a report received here. Many of the arrests and banishments are the outcome of recent efforts to stifle church opposition.

Reliable sources state that the Germans are planning to concentrate all arrested clergymen in one internment camp, presumably to prevent them from influencing other political prisoners.

Exiled ministers are under constant police surveillance, the report states.

One interned minister, Pastor Bjoeness, [illegible] of Hvaler, has [illegible] been released from the Grini concentration camp under unusual circumstances.

The story is that fishermen in Hvaler helped to rescue a German general from a wrecked plane, and were asked by Joseph Terboven, German commissioner, what they would like by way of reward. Their answer was to ask for the release of Pastor Bjoeness. The request was granted, but the clergyman was immediately dismissed from his post in Hvaler and deported to Lillehammer, where three bishops and 32 ministers have preceded him. All pastors from the Trondheim area are now in Lillehammer.

Missions

Bible Story Hour Conducted By Springfield, Mo. Preacher In City Parks and Playgrounds

EDITOR'S NOTE—This column is devoted to Home Missions among the Children.

"Love found a way," and it will always find a way in every critical situation — so thinks the Rev. Thos. F. Zimmerman, pastor of the Central Assembly of God Church, Springfield, Mo. for this zealous minister has discovered a unique and effective method for combating and conquering the rising tide of child delinquency. This new method comes in the form of "THE BIBLE STORY HOUR" held in City Parks and Recreational Centers.

This project has received the endorsement of the Mayor and the City Council. So serious had the problem of child delinquency become that the City had inaugurated a curfew hour. Taking advantage of this situation, this wide-awake preacher approached the City Council and asked permission to conduct "BIBLE STORY TELLING HOURS." The request was granted.

Naturally this thing represented a great adventure, but the adventure has not only proved the power of faith, but also the MIGHT of the Word of God to capture and correct situations both individually and collectively, and in hearts both old and young. God has crowned the project with success.

This experience has so fired these workers of Springfield, Mo. that they are eager to broadcast the triumph to others that they, too, may profit by this demonstration of the increasing power of the Word of God when dropped into the heart of youth.

Because this thing has passed the experimental stage, and has proven its practicability and efficiency when operated through spiritual channels, WE MUST BE GUILTY OF BLIND PREJUDICE AND CRIMINAL NEGLECT IF WE FAIL TO SEIZE UPON THIS METHOD FOR RIDDING (OR HELPING TO RID) OUR CITIES OF THIS TERRIBLE EPIDEMIC OF JUVENILE DELINQUINCY,

It will be contended, that what will work in one place may not prove successful in another, and in given relationships, this is true, but NEVER WHERE THE DYNAMIC POWER OF THE BIBLE IS CONCERNED. This expansive power of the Scriptures is only limited by our neglect or refusal to supply the medium for its operation. Here indeed is a great sphere for its spiritual workings.

THE BIBLE STORY THAT CAPTURES YOUTH IN SPRINGFIELD, MO., WILL CAPTURE YOUTH IN LONDON, NEW YORK CITY, CHICAGO, WASHINGTON OR BOSTON. The power is in the WORD; the potentiality is in the heart of the child. The Holy Spirit is seeking through us as Christian disciples, to convert the potential into the actual.

The working plans of this adventure are simply stated. First, (after permission was given by the city authorities) means were taken to advertise the services. Our friends in Mo. included a large sign near the place where the services were to be held, and which read: "HEY! BOYS AND GIRLS . . . STORY HOUR TODAY 2:30." In the conduct of the services, music was made a large factor. It became both a drawing and a lifting power. With the first notes of the songs, swings and other playground equipment were deserted as children came running from everywhere to find out what was going on.

The workers included two flags in their equipment, the American flag and the Christian flag. An easel was set up for the displaying of figures representing Bible Characters. Choruses were used, many of them chosen by the youngsters themselves. For the smaller children, motion choruses were used. Singing was followed by prayer. The salute to the flag was given place in the preliminary exercises. NOW COMES

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[illegible] Refugees Praise God

The Rev. Jacob Peltz, Ph.B., B.D.

A refugee formerly associated with us in our work in Europe writes: "These are [illegible] days for refugees — days of tormenting memories which help to engender a deep gratitude toward our Lord who rescued us from concentration camp miraculously and brought us from war-torn Europe into this free country. Four years ago many of us were experiencing persecution, imprisonment and maddening anxiety, because France, our refuge, was overrun by the Nazis. Every morning, during our family meditation, my husband and I look into the little calendar of 1940, where each step of our suffering is marked 'Lest we forget.'"

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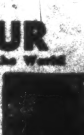

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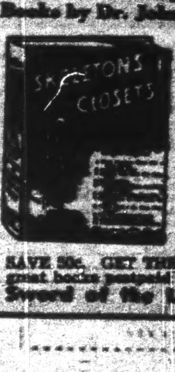

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Entrance to Conference Grounds at Maranatha near Muskegon, Michigan

SKEGON, Mich.—The Mar- a Bible Conference has had reatest year in its history. pacity attendance has been ying the buildings and ds for every week of the ence. This means an av- of about 600 a week, and weeks means a grand total 00. Besides this, between and 2000 had to be turned because of lack of accom- ns. Already a goodly por- f available accomodations been reserved for next year. a result of the conference ummer, somewhere between 20 new missionaries have enabled to receive their nteed support. Some 15,000 000 additional has been d to various missionary ies. Scores of young peo- ve dedicated their lives to me Christian service, and scores have accepted the Jesus Christ as a personal r. Almost without excep- he speakers for this sum- ave been mightily used of oly Spirit in touching the and lives of adults and people as well.

praise God that He has en- us to establish at Maran- vacation spot for Christian that includes all ages. any families have found here are activities that ap- to everyone, and with re- ons in travel, have found ll their vacation needs can pplied at this well known Conference.

ory came to us this sum- hat we would like to pass others. A young woman was spending her vacation grounds, in a most hum- d restful fashion, let cer- nes know a little about her ies. Her husband works in ory at $50 a week. They nsistent tithers, but several ago the Lord put it very ely upon her heart that hould open up a shop in me to sell baby clothes and for boys and girls. No is taken from this shop in ay whatsoever, but every of profit goes into mis- work. When you realize his shop is not in the busi- istrict, and is not a place ould be recognized as mak- business appeal, then how rful it is to think that last he was able to give $15,000 Lord's work. When God God enables and we praise me for the constant mani- on of this fact.

New England Fellowship Holds Annual Business Meeting

Plan for Greatly Increased Facilities Adopted By Directors

RUMNEY, N. H., Aug. 26 — Plans for immediately extending the work of the New England Fellowship were adopted at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors of New England Fellowship and its General Assembly held here yesterday.

A $75,000 building program will be inaugurated this autumn to enable the conference to care for a maximum of 500 guests and 200 additional in its youth camps. Several buildings will be erected as soon as lumber is available. It is hoped that these will be ready for occupancy next season.

The present season has broken all attendance records. Over 90,000 meals in the dining hall and servings in the refreshment booth give some conception of the growth of this popular conference center.

Among the speakers heard this year were: Mr. Jack Wyrtzen, Dr. Clifford Lewis, Dr. Robert R. Fritsch, Rev. Carlton Helgerson, Dr. Russel Bradley Jones, Dr. Harry J. Hager, Dr. Culbert G. Rutenber, Rev. Maurice Jacques, Dr. J. Elwin Wright, Rev. Franklin Ellis, Rev. J. T. D. Hall, Mr. Chelsea J. Stockwell, Mr. Sheldon Heisley, Rev. Herbert A. Jackson and Prof. Merrill Tenney.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: president, J. Elwin Wright; assistant to the president, Franklin F. Ellis; first vice-president, Edwin K. Gedney; treasurer, Karl Sicker; assistant treasurer, Kathryn M. Evans.

Pinebrook Conferences Report 300 Conversions During Its Meeting

STROUDSBURG, Pa., Aug. 25—The Pinebrook Conferences, conducted by Rev. Percy B. Crawford, have had an unusually successful season. The average attendance has been 300 guests, which is the maximum number which can be accomodated. During the season more than 300 have accepted Christ as their Saviour.

Among the speakers heard this year were Rowan Pearce, Bronwen Clifford, Walter MacDonald, Jack Wyrtzen, Harry Rimmer, Carlton Booth, Charles Gremmels and William Ward Ayer, Erling Olsen, Ralph Steward and J. Stratton Shufelt.

Jehovah's Barred From Hotel Proselytizing

LOS ANGELES (RNS) Aug. 21 44 — A ruling that Jehovah's Witnesses do not have a constitutional right to approach hotel residents for purposes of proselytizing over the protest of the hotel manager has been issued here by the Appellate Department of the Los Angeles Superior Court.

The decision upheld the conviction of Mrs. Grace Vaughn and Leon F. Scheerer, members of the sect, on a charge of "disturbing the peace."

Attorneys for the defendants held that, in the interest of maximum freedom of expression of religious subjects, persons had a constitutional right to approach hotel tenants directly without permission of a hotel manager. The Southern California branch of the American Civil Liberties Union cooperated in the appeal.

Repair Damaged Churches In Normandy

WASHINGTON, D. C., (RNS), Aug. 8, 1944—While most churches in Normandy escaped serious damage during the Allied invasion of France, those that were war casualties are already being repaired with the aid of special Army clearance crews, according to a report received by the Office of War Information here.

Altar pieces, sculptures, and inscriptions were saved "even from Valognes, where the most severe damage took place," the report said. "This salvage was the work of the noted French architect, Rene Levavasseur, designer of the internationally-known Gare Maritime of Cherbourg." It added. "Levavasseur was commissioned by the French government as guardian of historical structures in the region of Le Manche, which includes the Cherbourg area."

Cooperating with Levavasseur, civil affairs officers of the various towns arranged with Army clearance crews to search all debris, collecting sculptured building ornaments, inscriptions, and other material of cultural value, the report revealed.

Several shell holes in the 15th century walls of the church at St. Marie du Mont were "almost imperceptibly filled," and the 11th century chapel at St. Mere Eglise was found intact, "except for one chink in a corner of the wall" which was restored. Part of the bell tower at Montbourg was saved also.

The report added that at St. Gilles, American forces pursuing fleeing Panzer units found the 12th century cathedral ablaze, but soldiers pulled burning planks off the portico and put out the fire, saving most of the church.

Fundamentalist Groups Reported Backing Prohibition Party Candidate

LOS ANGELES, Calif., (RNS), Aug. 14, 1944—Some fundamentalist denominations are reportedly discarding their traditional neutrality in politics to support the candidacy of Claude A. Watson, local Free Methodist minister and nominee of the Prohibition party for president.

Watson, who also practices law in this city, is speaking before church groups and in public places throughout the country. To date, he has addressed congregations of Free Methodist Church, the Church of the Nazarene, ministers of independent fundamentalist tabernacles, and to the Indiana Holiness Convention.

Disappointment with the failure of the Democratic and Republican parties to take a stand for liquor control is said to be the main reason for the fundamentalist support being given the Prohibition party candidate.

Evangelical And United Brethren Bishops To Tour

HARRISBURG, PA. (RNS) Aug. 9 — Bishops of the Evangelical Church and the Church of the United Brethren in Christ have scheduled a joint tour for Oct. 15 - Nov. 20, 1945, to lay foundations for the union of the two denominations, which is expected to take place in 1946.

The trip is being arranged to cover the whole area of work of the two churches in America, but plans are contingent on a favorable vote on the proposed merger when the Church of the United Brethren holds its quadrennial General Conference next May. The Evangelical Church approved the basis for union in 1942.

Southern Baptists Seek 20 Millions As Reserve Fund

RIDGECREST, N. C. (RNS) Aug. 14 — A goal of $20,000,000 as reserve funds for post-war denominational activities has been set by the Southern Baptist Convention for its centennial Crusade in 1945. The record figure was approved at a meeting here of 200 Southern Baptist leaders to map plans for the project, which will also seek 1,000,000 converts.

Half the amount sought will be allocated to activities of the denomination within the various southern states, while the other half will be devoted to southwide and world causes after the war. The goal set here exceeds by $7,000,000 the previous record of contributions attained in 1943.

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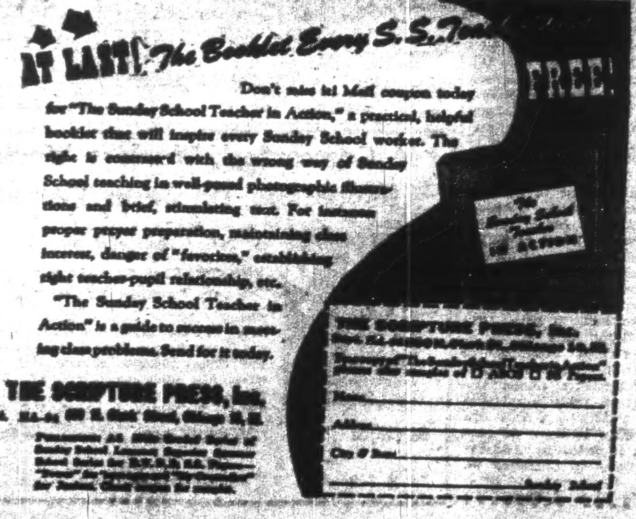

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Christian Service Men Centers List Submitted for N. A. E. Readers

BOSTON, Aug. 22—Our readers will welcome this list of Service Centers which have been established for the benefit of the men of our Armed Forces by various organizations. "We are aware that this list is far from complete, and for this reason we will be glad to have information regarding other Centers where there is a spiritually helpful program for these men. A supplementary list will appear in a later issue.

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214 South Pacific, Oceanside
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ble and Mr. V. [illegible] Smith as speakers. The response of children and youth to the Gospel is the brightest spot in our dark spiritual situation in America. Youth delinquency and youth revival present striking contrasts in this historic year.

Not only is revival manifest in the great youth meetings which are drawing many thousands weekly in America but also in the remarkable attendance at the Bible conferences of the season. From everywhere the report comes that attendance has broken all former records. Early reports from Christian colleges and Bible Institutes indicate an upsurge of registrations of those desiring to train for full time Christian work at home and abroad.

Rev. Robert E. Crawford, Executive Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists writes: "Your letters and material were brought before the General Board of the National Association. I gave an appraisal of them. Rev. E. V. [illegible] spoke concerning his approval of the work being done by N.A.E. The General Board recommended to the National Association of Free Will Baptists that it consider becoming a member of your constituency. The body voted that I write you, stating our approval of your work, pledging our prayers for its progress, and hoping to become a member . . ."

The Methodist Church will spend $25,000,000 in reconstruction work in nine European countries. Bishop Paul N. Garber of Durham, N. C., has been selected to direct the work. He is soon to leave for North Africa to take up his work, but the headquarters will later be established in Geneva.

Dr. W. Herschel Ford of the Southside Baptist Church in Jacksonville has had a remarkably successful ministry during the five years of his pastorate there. The membership has increased from 487 to over 1700. As soon as conditions will permit a new sanctuary will be built. $82,000 has been raised for this purpose. The Southside Church was the first Florida church to join N.A.E.

Mrs. Alda Harrison, of the Church of God, is performing a very useful service to the families of service men by her department in THE LIGHTED PATHWAY devoted to the spiritual needs of those who face the anxiety of waiting for the return of their loved ones. Copies of this magazine may be obtained through the Publication Department at Cleveland, Tenn. Similar departments in other publications would fill a great need.

A new publication in mimeographed form titled "Foreign Mission Radio" is being issued by Rev. Clarence Jones of HCJB, Quito, Ecuador, as a result of the breakfast meeting on this subject held at Columbus, Ohio, last April during the N.A.E. convention. The first issue is being distributed without cost to Christian leaders and broadcasters who request it. There is much helpful information about the development of radio in mission lands. The publication will appear from time to time as new information is gathered. Address communications to Clarence W. Jones, FMR, Room 502, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

FAMILY ALTAR NEEDED TO CURE JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah (RNS)—Lack of religion in the home is responsible for "so-called juvenile delinquency," according to Mrs. J. D. Bragg of St. Louis, Mo., national president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Mrs. Bragg spoke before the Western Jurisdictional Conference of the Methodist Church here.

"Parental indifference and disregard in providing the spiritual guidance, which should characterize the American home," Mrs. Bragg declared, "have led to the startling increase in moral laxness in youth. These factors also play roles in interracial disquietudes which flare occasionally into such disgraces as the race riots of Detroit."

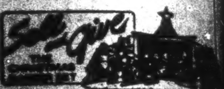
Stressing the need for a return to religion in the home, the speaker stated that this would see "more and more of American youths taking an enthusiastic interest in the greatest profession in the world—the Christian ministry."

"The mothers, fathers, wives, and sisters," Mrs. Bragg added, "also have another responsibility, the responsibility of lighting the way for hundreds of thousands of boys returned from war fronts to again finding on the home front the stability, courage, and understanding essential to their rehabilitation and the rejuvenation of their belief in man's humanity to man."

Clifford Lewis Campaign Meets With Success In Eastern City

BOSTON, Aug. 28, 1944—Dr. Clifford M. Lewis of Nashville, Tenn., has just completed a successful two weeks campaign in the city of Boston. The response to this campaign was successful in every detail. Hundreds of young people as well as adults made decisions, either for salvation or consecration. This is the first time in the history of the present era that a summer evangelistic campaign has been held in the heart of Boston. Preaching a simple yet clear gospel, Dr. Lewis reached into the very hearts of people.

Under the able supervision of the host minister, Rev. Herbert Whitelock, superintendent of the Union Rescue Mission, a great Bible demonstration rally was held on the closing day of the campaign with more than 600 people in attendance. As a post-revival service, Dr. Lewis stayed over two days, devoting the first day to speaking to the young women of Boston. The second day he showed his pictures of Palestine, with the result that at the close of the service, more than 35 young people came out for Christ. Encouraged through the success of this faith venture, Mr. Whitelock is now planning future campaigns which wi reported in future issues of U ed Evangelical Action.



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oviet Official Explains Government elationship With Orthodox Church

OSCOW (By Wireless) — ures to facilitate opening of churches in Russia have among principal concerns e Soviet Council on Ortho- Affairs since its formation onths ago, it was revealed by Georgi Grigorievich Kar- head of the five-man coun- an exclusive interview with ious News Service.

interview, conducted in the Ostrovsky mansion, which houses the Soviet Commis- on Religious Cults, a group deals with all organized re- s groups in the U.S.S.R., pro- the first authoritative pic- of the Council's scope and ities since it was established liaison with the Russian dox Church shortly after Church's re-establishment last fall.

council, according to Mr. w, has already set up in s parts of the Soviet Union ricate organization to deal matters involving both h and state. In addition to ing petitions for new hes, the council has taken n negotiations for the re- lishment of theological ng centers, and in certain has helped release Ortho- priests from compulsory ry service. Matters on the council has been con- included church repairs axation of church property. point emphasized by Mr. w was that "we place abso- no barriers to church ex- n." When the interviewer ed about the setting up of y schools to extend relig- ducation in Russian parish- official explained that this of the questions which, has not come before the l. "In any case," he com- d, "we do not mix in inter- urch affairs."

interesting aspect of the iew was the light thrown background of the Soviet chosen to fill a highly cant role in relations be- the government and the inant Russian church.

in Leningrad in 1897, served in the Red Army the civil war; had some of university education, d not graduate. Most of has been devoted to or- tional work for the Com- Party and the Soviet Gov- nt. He is married, and has three daughters, two of whom are also married.

Serving on the Orthodox-Soviet council, in addition to Mr. Karpov, are his assistant, Constantin Artemovich Zaitsev, who was present at the interview; Georgi Trofimovich Utkin; Ivan Ivanovich Ivanov; and an executive secretary.

"Our council was set up by the Council of People's Commissars on October 8, 1943," Mr. Karpov explained, "and since then we have gained a fair amount of experience. We have had no friction, and every complaint has been attended to. Our basic task is to maintain contact between the government and the church. This was done first through the late Patriarch Sergius, and is now being done through Acting Patriarch Alexei and the Orthodox Synod.

"We have established our representatives in all regions, provinces, and republics of the Soviet Union. We now have more than a hundred, and they all devote full time to this work. They, in turn, have their representatives in the local soviets, and these maintain contact with local church affairs.

"Our work is threefold: first, contact between church and state; second, preparation of laws and regulations regarding church problems; and third, supervision to insure that all laws relating to the church are faithfully carried out. Our job, in the main, is to make sure that the postulates of our Constitution in respect to the freedom of conscience are carried out."

"Why was such a council required?" the official was asked.

"Church and state," he replied, "are separated in Russia, but we find questions constantly arising among church leaders that require deliberation and decision, and, often, sanction. One outstanding question was the problem of establishing a theological school and pastors' courses, which are now beginning their work. This question was brought to us by church leaders. We discussed it, and then submitted our decision to the Council of People's Commissars which fully approved it. This, by the way, is the only question we have had to carry to the higher authorities."

The interviewer inquired if the new theological institute in Moscow is the only one of its kind available for students in Russia. Mr. Karpov stated that this was true, so far, but added:

"This is not because we have prevented the organization of more. On the contrary, six months ago, we assented to the opening of a theological college in Saratov, but the Synod has not yet seen fit to open it. If the question were raised of opening more schools, we would see no reason to oppose it."

Questioned as to the procedure in opening new churches, Mr. Karpov explained:

"If a group of believers — it does not matter how many — want a church, they sign a petition and refer it to the local church or government leaders. The local Soviet takes it up with

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Attorney General Rules Against Spiritual Healing

MADISON, Wisc. (RNS) Aug. 22—Indigents who petition municipalities for medical care are not entitled under state law to the services of Christian Science practitioners or mental or spiritual healers, Attorney General John E. Martin has ruled here. The law, he said, "manifestly does not consider Christian Science treatments as medical treatment."

The decision was given at the request of county institution officials, several indigents, and representatives of the Christian Science faith.

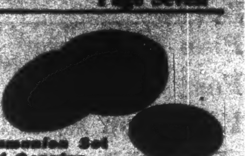
"It is no doubt true," Martin declared, "that an indigent person desiring Christian Science or other mental or spiritual treatment cannot be compelled to submit to medical treatment instead, but his remedy is to refuse the care authorized."

Northern Baptist Seminary Adds To its Faculty

CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 28 — Dr. Harold Lindsell and Dr. Arnold C. Schultz have been added to the faculty of Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, it has been announced. Their duties will begin with the opening of the fall term on Sept. 6.

Dr. Lindsell, who comes from Columbia Bible College, will be professor of missions and assistant professor of church history. Dr. Schultz will be professor of Old Testament. He comes from Bluffton College, O., where he was professor of Bible and also pastor of Ebenezer Church.

Special seminar courses will be offered by the seminary for graduate study in the fields of church history, theology, Old Testament, New Testament, philosophy of religion, Christian education, Greek, and Hebrew. Such courses are frequently offered on two afternoons during the week for the convenience of Chicagoland pastors who wish to pursue graduate work.



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Plan To Campaign For Religious Education In Cal.

SAN FRANCISCO, (R N S), Aug. 14, 1944.—Although defeated by a four to three vote from the Board of Education, members of the Interfaith Committee are making plans to campaign next year for "released time" for religious instruction in the public schools.

Rejection of the program came after the Board of Education had conducted two public hearings, had circulated questionnaires among the city's school children and considered a recommendation from Dr. Curtis Warren, superintendent of schools, that the program be tried in the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades.

The program had the support of members of an Interfaith Committee headed by Rev. John C. Leffler, Episcopal minister; but was opposed by representatives of the Public Education Society, the American Civil Liberties Union; and the Parent-Teachers Association.

Soviet Official Explains

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our representative, who examines the case and refers it, in turn, to us. Any number of people can sign a petition, but a minimum of 20 is needed to establish the legality of a congregation under law.

"Only occasionally do we turn down petitions for new churches. This is in cases where there is no church building available, and no immediate prospects of constructing one. Sometimes, too, the people in a small hamlet where there are already two or three churches, want another. We feel that they cannot possibly get enough money to operate, and for that reason their application is rejected."

The council, Mr. Karpov said, in answer to another question, does not deal with matters of church repair, unless for some important reason. When parishioners find it difficult to get supplies for repairs, the council issues appropriate orders to help them buy materials at low, state-fixed prices.

There are more churches, and also more priests in Russia than before the war, Religious News Service was told. Many priests who had long ago turned to bookkeeping, teaching or some other occupation, are now returning to church duties. In addition to the courses planned at the new theological institute, some dioceses are preparing to replenish the lower ranks of the clergy by setseting up local pastors' courses.

Asked about taxes from church property, the Council leader pointed out that all churches are nationalized, and are given to believers free of charge and for as long as the congregation exists. The only payments demanded are land rent and taxes, whch are obligatory on all citizens. Some complaints have been received from priests whose income was incorrectly classified, but these have been amicably adjusted, Mr. Karpov said.

"One other problem exists," he added. "Like all Soviet citizens, priests are subject to mobilization. But whenever a case was brought to us where mobilization deprived believers of religious leadership, we have succeeded in getting the priest released from service, and we intend to act so in the future."

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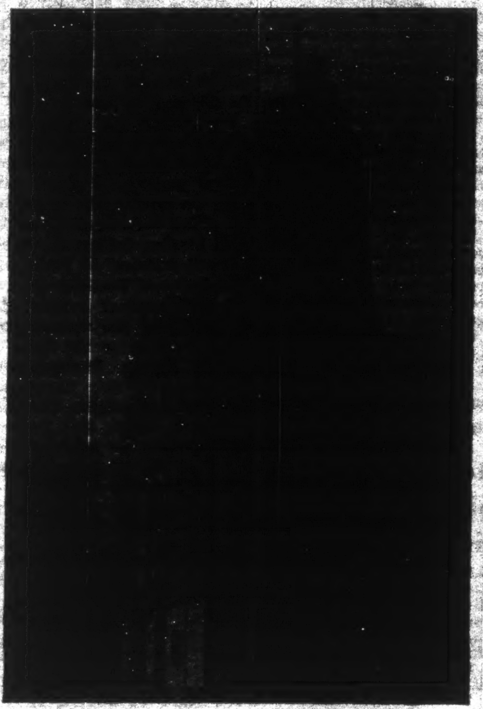

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church of Providence, R. I.

The Gloria Dei Lutheran Church of Providence, R. I., is the only Church of the Augustana Synod within the limits of the City of Providence proper. It is situated on Capitol Hill and commands a splendid view of the City itself. Its prominent position enables the traveler to recognize it as he rolls into the railroad station. Happily, its prominence is more than geographical; it holds a unique position in terms of spiritual influence and blessing and is recognized for its contribution to the City and to the nation and the regions beyond.

At present this congregation has a membership of twelve hundred communicant members. It was organized on the 27th day of February 1890 with fifty-eight members. During the half century of its existence, it has been served by ten pastors. The present Pastor, the Rev. J. A. Parkander, assumed the duties of his office January 1, 1943.

The church has a property valuation of $165,000.00. At present, four Sunday Schools are being maintained, covering a large area. Intensive work is also being carried on in a Government project. Preaching services, in addition, are being maintained in a rural section. Keen interest is being shown by the members for the cause of missions. This is seen in many ways among which is found the large offerings which are received each year for such work.

Gloria Dei is a part of the Augustana Synod of North America; a body numbering 1400 congregations, served by 900 pastors and established in every section of the United States and Canada. Through this body this active Church is contributing substantially to the support of mission work carried on in China, Africa and India. Its efforts, however, are not confined to these projects, for in addition to its missionary activity, the Church helps support (and that generously) twelve orphanages; nineteen Homes for the Aged; ten Hospitals; and Deaconness Homes; fifteen Hospices and Seamen's Homes, and six Institutions of Higher Learning. To this must be added two colonies of mercy.

Another feature of this great work is found in the establishing of new mission stations; organizing of Sunday Schools and churches on the vast Home Mission field of the country. At present a large program is carried on among the boys in the armed forces and also among the workers in the various plants as well as migrants.

The slogan of this great Church with its active and direct bearing upon its work and service entitles it, and admits it to the category of the heroes of faith, for its WATCHWORD IS: "FORWARD IN FAITH." With an upward, forward and outward look it continues to forge ahead in the strength of our Lord and Saviour, whose pure and simple Gospel, the heart of which is Calvary's Cross with the shed Blood of the Son of God as remission for sin, and with Christ the Saviour who is "THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE."

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CHARLOTTE, N. C., Aug. 28 A page of "The Charlotte Observer" has been sent to our desk, dated August 13, 1944. A casual glance quickly revealed the purpose of the sender, for it contained a fascinating story of work among natives in Africa as related by Dr. Wengatz in his book entitled "MIRACLES IN BLACK."

It appears that Dr. Wengatz is expected in Charlotte in the near future when he will hold a two weeks' meeting in the Alexander Graham High School Building.

The Rev. I. G. Garth in his write-up of this book captures the interest of the reader by his colorful presentation of the salient features, and we are sure that this graphic description will promote the sale of this excellent work.

Among the things that stood out in this report was that which centers in the finding of this great missionary as to the relative importance of the evangelical as opposed to the educational program in the field of missions. Because this great Missionary speaks with the authority of years of experience, it might be well if our denominational MISSION BOARDS could lay to heart this particular finding.

Evangelicals believe that EVANGELISM is the first business of the Christian Church. Jesus sent His disciples forth not to educate folks in modern civilization, but to preach the Gospel, and to the extent in which the Church has been true to this emphasis, to that extent only has there been the forward march in the business of the King.

To quote from this page of the Charlotte Observer: "Dr. Wengatz says that he and his wife went over to Africa with the idea that the blacks must first be educated in the knowledge of civilization and its arts before they can become converts to Christianity, and he spent 12 years working with schools, manual training, agriculture, and so on. But as his results did no commensurate with the effort, he decided to go further into the interior and BRING THE GOSPEL TO BEAR ON THE ABORIGINAL TRIBES who were steeped in fetiches, under the influence of the medicine men, and all the superstition and depravity of the cannibals. His book is a description of the power of the Gospel on the utterly ignorant native. His story is one of the most remarkable of recent times.

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[illegible] and [illegible] in church meetings and Evangelistic campaigns. Quite often these groups sponsor meetings in tents and tabernacles and other suitable places where they bring in a sound and true minister or evangelist to do the preaching. In these ways many thousands have been won to Jesus Christ through the efforts of Christian Laymen who make up the organization of the National Association.

They also sponsor radio evangelism and have given away thousands of Bibles, Testaments, Gospels, tracts, and other Christian literature.

By 1939 this Association had grown to such an extent that it had outgrown its meeting place. At that time, Mr. R. G. LeTourneau, one of the largest manufacturers of road equipment and one of the outstanding Christian Laymen of this nation, became vitally interested in the work of this association and built the Lake Louise Conference Grounds at Toccoa, Ga., specifically for this association and for any other Christian groups who desired to meet at that place. It cost approximately $200,000. After the war, Mr. LeTourneau expects to make Lake Louise the outstanding conference grounds of the south.

At the recent meeting last week of the N. C. L. E. A., it was voted that this association enter into a greater field of Evangelism, and Mr. LeTourneau made a challenge that if we adopted a budget of $20,000 or more for this endeavor, that he would match any sum up to $20,000. Those in attendance raised $12,500 and this will be increased to $20,000, and with Mr. LeTourneau's contribution will give the association $40,000 for the Evangelistic work.

The executive committee will meet at Toccoa, Ga., on Oct. 20 and 21, 1944, to formulate plans for the expansion of Evangelism. This committee will employ additional field secretaries to set up Evangelistic meetings at different points in the various states and will engage the most outstanding Evangelists of this nation to do the preaching, and the converts will be placed in the church of their choice. This association is 100 per cent behind the Evangelical churches and expects the co-operation of the ministers of such churches and denominations. The Evangelistic meetings will be held primarily in tents or tabernacles.

British Churchmen Ask Prayers For Poles

LONDON (By Wireless) (RNS) Aug. 2—Dr. Alfred E. Garvie, noted Free Church British Congregationalist, and the Anglican Bishop of Fulham, who has charge of the Anglican Church in North and Central Europe, have asked Britons to pray for Poles "at this decisive moment in the history of Poland."

In a joint statement signed on behalf of the Anglo-Polish Christian circle, the church leaders paid tribute to the Poles after five years of German domination, and declared that the "call to rise and fight again for freedom has been magnificently answered by the Warsaw underground army."

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Two Evangelistic meetings were held recently. One was held for two weeks in Lynchburg, Va., sponsored by the Lynchburg Association, with the Reverend Dan Graham, the Evangelist of the Southern Presbyterian Church doing the preaching. The results in this meeting was over 200 converts.

A similar meeting was held for two weeks in Spray, N. C., by Rev. Sullins Dosser, former Conference Evangelist of Holston Conference Methodist Church, now pastor in Chattanooga, Tenn. The results in this meeting was over 200 converts. The Chattanooga Association, with the co-operation of the Ministerial Association of Chattanooga, Tenn., will sponsor a tent meeting of 2,500 capacity in Chattanooga beginning Sunday, Aug. 27, with the Rev. Dan Graham of Blountville, Tenn., as the Evangelist.

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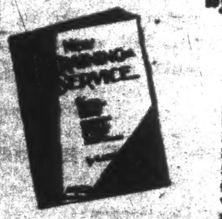

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By ANDREW W. BLACKWOOD

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Swiss Church Group Formed To Promote Programs Among Workers

By Religious News Service

GENEVA (By Wireless) Aug. 29.—A group known as the "Compagnons Chretiens" (Christian Companions) met here for the first time to consider plans for "a Christian solution to the workers' problems."

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I do not know whether they are Christians outside."

Such expressions indicate all too plainly the shallow and unscriptural thinking of this modern day. A man who is not a Christian outside the foxhole is not one when he is inside the foxhole. To know Christ in the ordinary is to know Him in the extraordinary. To find Him in the emergency is to discover Him in the commonplace. A man who has truly found Christ whether in a foxhole, or whether at his bedside in the great movement of common life, will find that the Holy Spirit will translate the saving Gospel and this glorious Evangel into terms of human life and experience, for to assert oththerwise would be to say that Christianity was but an empty creed and not "the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth."

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Priority of Evangelism

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Spirit," and all the while the Old Book exhorts us to love God with all the heart as well as with all the mind.

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her at the organ, Bever-ly Shea ready for his Gospel solo, Robert Cook leading the audience —3,000 strong!—in the C.Y.F.C. theme, "Christ Lifted Me." Other soloists and musical talent are spotted here and there, with the all-girl choir filling the center of the stage. The radio engineer has given his cue, and the largest audience-participation broadcast in the Middle West is on. The occasion: Another Chicagoland Youth for Christ rally!

Chicagoland Youth for Christ was two years in the making. As early as 1941 there was born in the heart of Torrey Johnson the vision for a Chicago edition of the work Jack Wyrtzen was doing with his Word of Life Hour in New York. And the blessing of God upon this two-month-old venture of faith seems to make it likely that Chicago will more than equal its earlier New York prototype.

"Everything about Chicagoland Youth for Christ is a miracle!" declared Johnson recently. "In the very beginning we asked God to put the whole thing on a MIRACLE BASIS—to lead us in ways that would be recognized as HIS doing, not ours. He answered by hedging us in to means and methods that were, in every case, greater than our faith."

Take, for instance, the matter of a staff. Two years ago it would have been thought impossible to gather so many people who are so eminently fitted for their task—but today, here they are.

Look at the line-up: Torrey Johnson has for 10 years been the successful pastor of Mid-West Bible Church, one of Chicago's fastest-growing groups, and has studied closely the Youth for Christ movement in all of the principal cities of the U. S. . . . Robert Cook is known as a young people's man—leader, writer, counselor, chorister . . . Douglas Fisher has been rated tops in Gospel music, both arranging and directing, as well as performance at the console, for several years . . . Beverly Shea has sung his way into thousands of hearts in the East, and now for the past five years in the Middle West. In addition to his work with Youth for Christ, he is heard daily over one of Chicago's major stations, with a Christian commercial sponsor . . . Rose [illegible], our soprano, has been offered [illegible] by a [illegible] but [illegible], choosing rather to give her talent to the Lord Jesus Christ.

A host of others provide talent and specialized help, with ushery (Lacy Hall), personal work (Floyd Gabhart), distribution (Robert W. Wyatt), besides scores of business and professional men who serve on the committees: Advisory Council of 15, and Committee of Recommendation, composed of more than 50 Chicago leaders from almost every business and profession.

dinarily, every group has its own basic loyalty and point of view. Here, extraordinarily, God brought together on a basis of cordial and enthusiastic co-operation, leaders from more than 25 city-wide youth organizations—people who are lending their active support week by week.

Pay-off at every rally is the response to a Gospel invitation for salvation and consecration. One thousand souls in 21 weeks—that is the goal of the C.Y.F.C.

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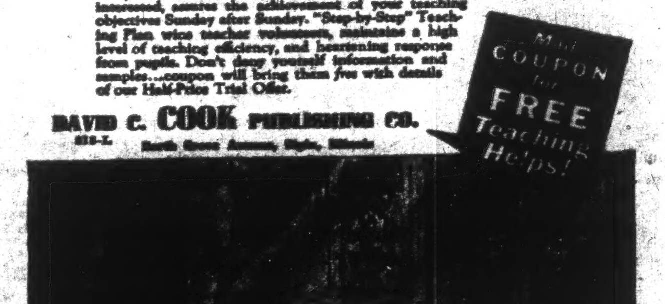

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Urge Organization Of Veteran's Service Committees In The Local Churches

MONTREAT, N. C. (RNS) Aug. 31—Organization of a Veteran's Service Committee in local churches was urged in a sub-committee's report to the Joint Committee on Adult Education of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (Southern). Purpose of the group it was stated, would be to keep abreast of governmental and social agency plans for veterans; to counsel with those who return regarding jobs, educational opportunities, and family matters; and to meet with other church committees on community planning.

The sub-committee on demobilization problems, headed by Ivan M. Gould, general secretary of the Service Men's Christian League, declared that the Church should lead in calling together representatives of the cultural and religious forces of the community to plan for the re-integration of returning service men into the social and religious life of the community.

It was further suggested that the recreational activities of a church be enlarged and re-emphasized so that wholesome recreation will create a better spirit of fellowship among the people of the Church, and for the returned service men and their families. The Church should also recognize its responsibility for wholesome recreation in the community, the report said.

Miracle

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ministry. Toward this end, every program detail is planned. The methods are exclusively co-operative, that all may have a part . . . interdenominational, so none will be left out . . . the best in message and music, and positive Gospel always, for nothing else really matters for eternity. Each Saturday night has witnessed glorious conversions. One night recently, for example, there was a Japanese, two Navaho Indians, several service men, and one case of a husband and wife re-united after both found the Lord.

God proved Himself in the matter of a place to hold these Saturday night rallies. Some had suggested a hall, seating about 600. Others thought that a theater with 1,000 capacity would fill the bill. God closed the door to hall and theater, then . . . gave us Orchestra Hall, the finest auditorium in downtown Chicago! Attendance has never been below 2,000 since the opening rally May 27, and the average is over 2,500!

Radio presented a definite problem. Six different times the radio people answered with a flat "No" when queried about a Saturday evening broadcast. The seventh time, God opened the door, and Chicagoland Youth for Christ now goes over the Blue Network station, WCFL (1000 Kc)) 8:45-9:15 P. M.

Co-operation of city-wide groups was another question. Or-

"We desire to provide a place where Christian young people can find opportunity for fellowship and Christian service," Johnson asserted, "as well as a Gospel ministry to the thousands of unsaved young people who are roaming the streets of the Loop, waiting for something to happen."

Present plans include quite an array of high-power speakers and talent for September and October, with a giant Victory Rally in Chicago Stadium on Oct. 21. Men like Harry Rimmer, H. H. Savage, William Culbertson, Louis Talbot, Jack Wyrtzen, and Martin DeHaan, will insure plenty of Gospel punch and pulling power.

The Stadium is enough to challenge the bravest — seating capacity, 26,000! The continued blessing of God, and the enthusiasm of thousands of friends, would indicate that the Victory Rally in Chicago Stadium will see a packed house, and hundreds saved.

"Put Chicagoland Youth for Christ high on your prayer list, friends," is the plea of Director Torrey Johnson. "We have been seeing miracles on Michigan avenue; now let us pray and believe God for the miraculous—the impossible—the exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think—for coming days!"

Plan Two New Hostels

NEW YORK (RNS) Aug. 31 — Hostels to provide temporary living quarters for newly-relocated Japanese-Americans are expected to open in the near future in Newark, N. J., and Washington, D. C., the Committee for Resettlement of Japanese-Americans has revealed here.

Seven hostels are now in operation, in New York, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Des Moines, Philadelphia, Minneapolis, and Detroit. Two hostels in Chicago closed in the spring when the sponsoring church groups decided they were no longer needed.

Baptists Give $10 Per Capita For Missions

By Religious News Service

BUTLER, Ind. Aug. [illegible]—Members of churches affiliated with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches (North) are giving more than $10 per capita for missions in a current drive for funds, according to the August issue of the denomination's magazine, the Baptist Bulletin, published here.

"One church with a membership of 47 gave [illegible] to missions," the magazine reported.

A total of 199 churches had reported their mission gifts at the time the magazine went to press, and [illegible] churches were still to be heard from.

Seventy-four of these reporting 199 churches have memberships of less than 100. These 74 churches gave a total of $32,470.64 or an average missionary offering per small church of $439.

Swedish Baptist Leader Pays Tribute To Dr. Truett

STOCKHOLM (By Wireless) (RNS) Aug. 29.—Baptists lost a "great man" and a "humble Christian servant" in the recent death of Dr. George W. Truett of Dallas, Texas, said Dr. [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] director of the Swedish Baptist Association, in a four-column eulogy appearing in "[illegible]," the denomination's chief organ here. He lauded the former head of the Baptist World Alliance as "a prophetic figure," and declared that his "life task was unsurpassed."

Episcopal Sisterhood Opens First Girls' Club For Japanese-Americans

CHICAGO (RNS) August 31.—First of its kind in any city, a residence for young Japanese-American girls has been opened here by the Episcopal Sisterhood of St. Mary. In conjunction with St. Mary's School for Girls, operated by the Sisterhood, the girls' club will provide living accommodations for 25 to 30 girls.

Church Council To Sponsor Goodwill P

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. Aug. 31 — Representa church, labor, industry, farming, education, and or ganizations will attend will parley at Clear Lake, 11-13, sponsored by the Council of Churches and ian Education. Mutual looking to better relations tween the groups will be ed.

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